

# Mirabeau Water Garden

## Drainage Improvements and Green Infrastructure Project

FACT SHEET 2024



City of New Orleans  
Mayor LaToya Cantrell



GENTILLY  
**Resilience**  
DISTRICT



### Stats

**Area**  
25 square acres

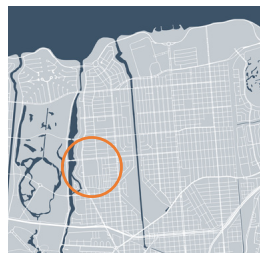
**Site Status**  
Green space

**Funding Source**  
\$13 million (HMGP)  
\$10 million (NDR)

**Project Lead**  
Project Delivery Unit, Department of Public Works, City of New Orleans

**Project Brief:** The Mirabeau Water Garden is a showcase project of Resilient New Orleans, the city's resilience strategy which outlines three key visions for the city's future: adapt to thrive, connect to opportunity, and transform city systems. The water garden vision is based on innovative site design and stormwater management features developed in the Greater New Orleans Urban Water Plan.

### Location



District-wide

### Benefits



**Urban Water**  
Will provide underground detention



**Ecology**  
Additional water storage and vegetation



**Infrastructure**  
Lessens burden on City's system



**Economy**  
Improves drainage and increases home values



**Recreation**  
Walkable aesthetics, educational features



**Public Health**  
Improves air, water and soil quality



**Urban Heat**  
Increases vegetation and lowers temperature



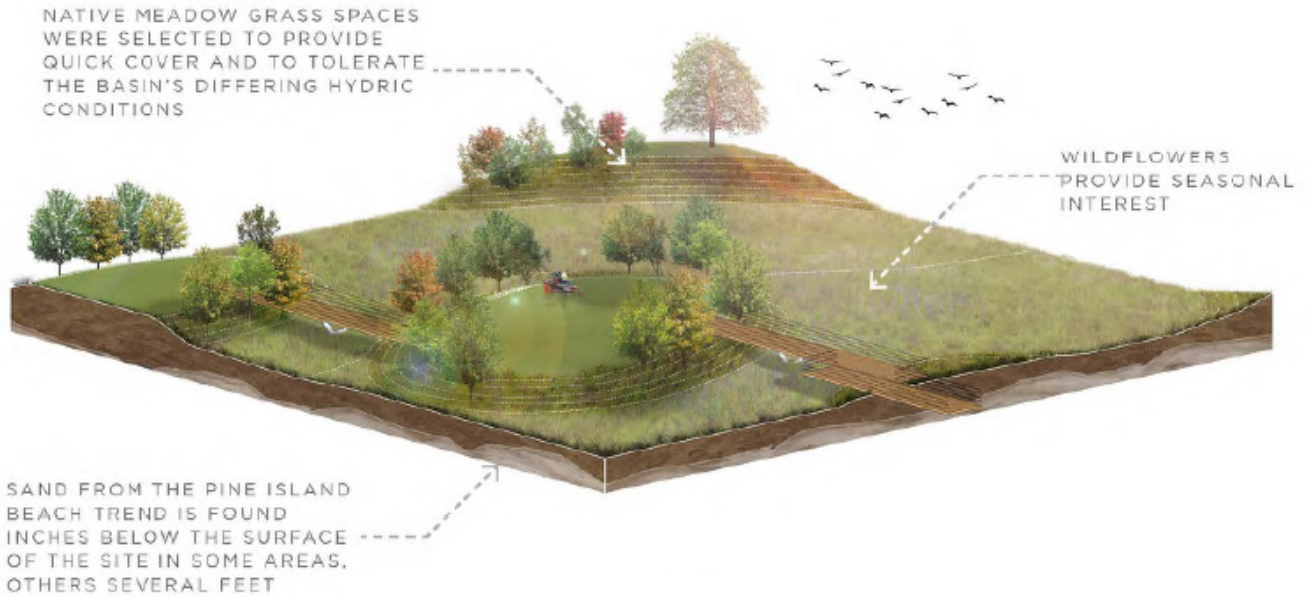
**Community**  
Beautification, Reduce flood risks for surrounding properties

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**Description:** Mirabeau Water Garden after one year (above) shows the elevation, vegetation and water retention of the finished project. After five years (bottom) the graphic shows the growth of vegetation and the incorporation of educational tools to make the site an informational station that can benefit the community.





Located off Mirabeau Avenue between Bayou St. John and the London Avenue Canal in Gentilly, the Mirabeau Water Garden is a public works project that will transform a 25-acre open site into a recreational and educational amenity that reduces flood risk. The land was donated to the City of New Orleans by the Congregation of St. Joseph on the condition that it be used to enhance and protect the neighborhood.

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## Design Team

Project Lead  
Designer

Sara deBoerr, **City of New Orleans**  
**Waggoner and Ball**

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